

Bradwell Village School Year Four Newsletter April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are very pleased to see all the children back at school and enjoying their learning. It is good to hear them too!

We would hope that at some point we will be able to invite you in for the usual range of activities but await further guidance from the Government.

We still ask for the children to bring their lunches in solid plastic cleanable boxes or disposable bags. There is also no need for any school bags to be brought in as we continue to provide all that is needed to each individual child. This is something we will continue in September.

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

<u>Uniform</u>

Despite the children not changing for PE or leaving coats on pegs, we are still seeing a build-up of lost property. Please could you ensure all clothing is labelled.

I understand that some parents have found it difficult to buy new uniform whilst the shops have been closed but could you, where ever possible, please try to ensure the clothing is plain (without big logos or slogans) and avoid hoodies.



Many thanks.

A reminder of start and finish times

Please see below the start and finish times for each year group. Do not arrive before the allotted times please. It is starting to get busy out by the gates and it is becoming increasingly difficult for some parents to remain socially distant from others. If you have younger children starting at either Priory Common or Heelands Schools and it clashes with our start times, see the younger children settled first.

Year Group	Start	Finish
6	8.50	2.55
5	9.00	3.05
4	8.50	2.55
3	9.00	3.05

Parking outside our schools

Please could you be aware of the dangers of parking outside Bradwell Village and Priory Common. There are times where emergency services would not be able to make their way to the schools should the need arise. Keep your eyes open for children running to their parents. We have also had a request from Bellfounder that parents refrain from parking in their allotted spaces.

Thank you on their behalf.

Clubs

We are really pleased to see so many children take up the offer of a place in an after school club. This is initially a trial run of 5 weeks this half term but if it proves a success, we will look to extend the provision for the second half term. We will keep you posted.

The pick-up times for clubs are:

Year 3 and 5 4.05pm

Years 4 and 6 3.55pm

The children will leave via their normal gates and not the main entrance as they used to. This is to maintain social distancing as much as possible.

Email and mobile numbers

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With the chance of home learning always a possibility, can you please keep us up to date with any changes in your contact details, especially your mobile numbers and email addresses.

Email <u>admin@bvsmk.co.uk</u> or see Miss Chambers or Mrs Walters in the office.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their survey re communication. We will send out feedback soon.

Visiting School

If for any reason you need to visit school for a meeting or to speak with anyone in the office, please ensure you gel your hands on entry and you also wear a mask.

YEAR 4 SUBJECT OVERVIEW FOR THE SUMMER TERM 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to BVS and the new Summer Term. Our Topic this term is: 'Magiovinium' which is Latin for Fenny Stratford. We will be sending out school reports towards the end of the term, but if any issues arise in the meantime please don't hesitate to contact us.



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Subject Overviews

English

The English for this term is based around 'Fairy Tales', particularly modern interpretations. We will spend time reading books by Anthony Browne and Roald Dahl and then using these to retell stories and write descriptions. In the second half of the term we will look at information texts with a particular focus on the Romans. This will give the children the opportunity to write their own information text about Roman life. We will continue practising spelling, punctuation and grammar throughout all of our English lessons.

Mathematics



Maths this term will continue to embed the children's skills in number in a range of contexts. They will practise this with worded problems. In addition, they will look at data handling which involves reading bar charts and graphs. In B2B sessions, we will continually revisit fractions, whole numbers and mental maths to ensure the children can do these confidently.

Science

This term we will be studying 'Electricity!' The children will have the opportunity to draw, build and test different electrical circuits. They will learn about all the components needed to make a circuit work. As well as this, they will investigate insulators and conductors.



Computing

In computing we will be creating a story board and a short animation. We will also be solving problems using decomposition skills and to plan and develop algorithms and programs. We will understand that procedures in computer programs allow programmers to use a set of commands.

Games/PE

In Games the children will be looking at techniques to help them with striking and fielding games. We will also develop our skills in dance through the Tango.



Music

In music, we will be listening to and appraising songs by The Beatles. The theme this term is equality and civil rights. Throughout the term, we will learn to sing, play and perform their own composed simple melody.



French

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In French this term, we will be reading and writing physical descriptions of people, leading to creating a most 'wanted' poster. We will also be learning about musical instruments, expressing preferences of them and genres of music.

RE/PSHE

In RE we will be learning about the beliefs of Islam, looking at the five pillars as well as the importance of Islamic symbols.

PSHE we will be learning how to keep ourselves healthy including our mind and bodies and how to develop healthy relationships.



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Topic

This term our topic is 'Magiovinium'.

In **History** we will be looking at the Roman Empire which will include their daily life, their culture through archaeological evidence left behind and their legacy today. We are fortunate to live in Milton Keynes where evidence of the Romans has been left behind so we will look at their impact on our local area.

In **Geography** we will be learning about where the Roman Empire expanded as well as learning about the geographical regions in the United Kingdom with a particular focus on Buckinghamshire.



Our **Art** this term will concentrate on the Roman skills of mosaic and tessellation. We will explore the different techniques before using them to make our own piece of Roman Artwork.

The **Design and Technology** linked to this topic provides the chance for the children to design and make their own Roman musical instrument.

Times Tables

The children need to know, and to be able to quickly recall, their times tables. Any practise at home would be really helpful to help them embed their times tables. Please use Times Tables Rockstars online.

Spellings

Spellings are taught daily. The children have weekly spellings with words they need to practise.
